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REMARKS

1. Status of Claims

Claims 1-29 were pending in the application. Applicants traverse the restriction requirement below. Accordingly, claims 1-29 will remain pending in the application.

2. Restriction

In section 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner required election as between the following allegedly distinct inventions:

- Group I. Claims 1-13; and
- Group II. Claims 14-29.

In response, Applicants hereby elect with traverse to prosecute Group II, claims 14-29.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner has stated that the reason for restriction is that alleged subcombination has separate utility and states classifications that are both under 705/401. Applicants respectfully submit that restriction is only proper when there would be a serious burden if restriction were not required, as evidenced by separate classification, status, or field of search. MPEP 806.05(d).

3. Conclusion Of Remarks

If the Examiner believes that additional issues may be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicant at (203) 924-3180. No fee is believed due with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for the response or credit any overpayment to the Pitney Bowes, Inc. Deposit Account Number 16-1885, Order No. F-730-O1.

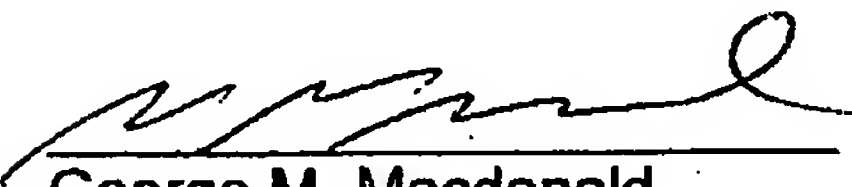
In the event that an extension of time or additional extension of time is required to make this response timely filed, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition

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for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the Pitney Bowes, Inc. Deposit Account Number 16-1885, Order No. F-730-O1.

Respectfully submitted,

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